



AREA IX AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

Flathead County

MINUTES OF MEETING 07/09/2015

The Summit, 2:00 pm

Prepared by: Kathi Kallis

Note: The Finance Committee did not meet because the County is in the end-of-year reconciliation process.

CALL TO ORDER

Lois Katz, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

Present

- **Members:** Doug Gilbertson, Jenna Justice, Mary Reckin, Greg Bancroft, Courtney Rudbach, Brenda Lynch, Sue Holst (RSVP), Lois Katz (Chair), Phil Mitchell (Commissioner)
- **Staff:** Lisa Sheppard (Director), Christine Neater, Kathi Kallis
- **Guest:** Chad Campbell, Maarten Fischer

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS and GUESTS: Chad Campbell was introduced to the members.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment.

CHAIR OPENING REMARKS

- Lois noted that the construction of our new building is progressing well.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - The minutes of June 11, 2015, were reviewed. Jenna Justice moved to approve, Doug Gilbertson seconded, all in favor. **Motion passed.**

AOA DIRECTOR REPORT

Lisa reported the following:

- Area Plan - The state DPHHS office has approved our Area Plan on Aging for the period October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2019. The Area Plan is on the Commissioner's July 20th agenda for review and approval.
- Benefits Enrollment Center Grant
 - We were awarded the Benefits Enrollment Center grant. The grant will provide us with approximately \$26,000 to enhance our benefits counseling services for

Medicare recipients. Christine Neater will be instrumental in getting the word out and identifying those who need assistance.

- Glacier National Park Shuttle Service
 - The Glacier National Park shuttle service stated its season on July 1st. The shuttle service provided 168,000 rides last year. There was a brief discussion on what happens to the shuttle buses once the season is over. Lisa explained that Eagle Transit can use them and can also arrange for other transit entities around the state to use them at minimal cost.
- Air Conditioner Program
 - The AC program got off to an early start as temperatures warmed early in the season. Twenty AC units were loaned out to area seniors. They will be removed in the fall, serviced and stored for the winter months.

COMMITTEES

By-Laws

- Lisa noted that there was some great feedback during and after the last board meeting. Members suggested changing the member terms to a maximum of three – 3 year terms and officers to two – 3 year terms. Members whose final term has expired can sit out one year and then be eligible to reapply. The proposed changes to the by-laws will become effective January 1, 2016.
- Doug Gilbertson moved to vote on recommending the changes to the Commissioners at the next meeting. Courtney Rudbach seconded, **Motion Passed**. The 15 day notice to the members prior to a vote starts as of this day. The vote during will take place at the September 10, 2015 meeting as there is no meeting in August due to Fair.

Outreach and Education

- Lisa went over the Committee list and defined what each group does. An email will be sent with Committee descriptions.
 - Board Development – A suggestion was made that people interested in board membership could attend a couple of meetings prior to joining.
 - Education and Outreach – Lois Katz is Chair. Christine Neater will assist Lois to organize and facilitate meetings and will alert members about opportunities to participate in outreach efforts. Members may also initiate and lead outreach ideas.
 - Finance – Need another member-at-large. Will email about member interest as light attendance at this meeting.

- 501(c) (3) – The charge for this committee is to look into creating a nonprofit to fundraise for aging services. Tom Murphy was suggested as possible chair. Diane Queen-Miller will be contacted to help on this committee.
- Program Income – Lisa will chair and will have other key staff members participate on this committee.

OUTREACH/EVENTS

Older Americans Picnic

- The Older Americans' Picnic on June 19, 2015, at the Fairgrounds was a huge success. Christine Neater reported there were 460 people served! There was great media coverage both before and during the picnic. We received \$1,700 in sponsorships/donations and door prizes valued at \$385. Christine was contacted by other businesses who want to help sponsor the 2016 picnic.
- During the picnic, there was a lot of construction work going on at the Fairgrounds so parking was an issue. A suggestion was also made for a more healthy food selection.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Maartin Fischer (A Plus) said they had their first pilot outing at Lonepine for several individuals with dementia and their caregivers. All had a great time and are looking forward to more outings.
- Phil Mitchell gave a quick update on the new building. He noted there were a couple of delays, but said that once the concrete is finished, the walls will go up very quickly. A tree had to be removed near the patio area.

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.

NOTE: There will be no AOA Board meeting in August due to the Fair

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 10, 2015